

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015**

PRESENT: Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo, Susan Dwyer, Vickie Dirienzo, Eric Myers, Bill Sleavin, Cole Goodrow, Student Liaison

ABSENT: Lana Torres

Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo confirmed a quorum and called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by B. Sleavin, seconded by V. Dirienzo, the minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting were approved (5-0-0).

GPS TRAIL MAPPING – B. Sleavin

B. Sleavin met with Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development, to discuss the Trail Mapping program. This program will be installed on Mr. Armentano's computer for the town to use.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY – V. Dirienzo

No business at this time.

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE – V. Dirienzo

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo was approached by the town manager's office to co-host, along with the Chamber of Commerce, an alternative information night. The event will be held on March 24, 2015 at the Senior Center. As the Conservation Commission's lead person for the Clean Energy Task Force, V. Dirienzo will be present at this event to speak to interested individuals about joining this Task Force. The Commission stresses that this is an informational event only and that individuals must do their own research.

V. Dirienzo informed the Commission of an Energy Alternatives Program (benchmarking energy used) that is being done by Kevin Witkos. The Commission recommends that the town participate in this program.

PUBLIC EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS – L. Torres

No business at this time.

GRANBY'S NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTO INVENTORY – L. Torres, C. Goodrow

C. Goodrow informed the Commission that there is no camera club at the high school. He will do his best to provide pictures for this project.

BACKYARD BIRD STUDY – C. Goodrow

No business at this time.

PROCEDURAL REVIEW / P & Z / INLAND WETLANDS LIAISON – E. Myers

E. Myers spoke with a representative of the Planning & Zoning Commission and was told that they have no issues that they would need the Conservation Commission's input for at this time.

WILDLIFE SURVEY – Susan Dwyer

S. Dwyer will contact the State in the spring to make arrangements for the Commission to participate in the Wildlife Survey program. The Commission must decide what amphibians they would like to study, how many locations might be included in the survey and contact property owners for permission to be on their property. B. Sleavin's GIS maps can provide a list of places to consider.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WEBSITE – Anna Sogliuzzo

Pat Chieski, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, has created a subdomain on the Town's website for the Conservation Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Sogliuzzo must get final approval on the reusable bag design before the order can be placed. A sign is not needed for the Park House so that money can be used to purchase more bags.

NEW BUSINESS

No business at this time.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION by E. Myers, seconded by V. Dirienzo, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

The April 14, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jini Ruscitti
Recording Secretary